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Sir:

Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claim the dates of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 255868/1999, filed September 9, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 318147/1999, filed November 9, 1999, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 09/556,433, filed April 24, 2000.

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